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THE BURNING BUSH

Not the leaping, happy dance,
yellow, orange, a little green.
Nor the single bright thought
of an Ohio Blue match head.

No, the blackening under pressure,
the heart of the damp hay bale,
smokeless, flameless, not decay,
but the sun combusting in the dark.